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The Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is good to know that you support the legislation sponsored by U.S. Representative Tom Lantos, to confer an honorary United States citizenship on Raoul Wallenberg, a Swede.

In this connection, I am pleased to inform you that an official document, which confers honorary citizenship of the State of Nebraska on Raoul Wallenberg, was forwarded by air mail by the Secretary of State of Nebraska to Mrs. Nina Lagergren, Wallenberg's half sister, on July 10, 1981.

Raoul Wallenberg's remarkable achievement, as a Swedish diplomat in Hungary during World War II, in saving, with American encouragement and financial aide, more than 20,000 Jews from extermination by Nazis makes

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him richly deserving of honorary citizenship in our country
and in my State of Nebraska.

I share the hope that this recognition--alas, long
overdue--will reinforce efforts to induce the Russians, who
have kept Wallenberg imprisoned since they captured him at
Budapest, to set him free if alive, or to give a convincing
account of his fate.

Thank you for your concern for this brave man who,
after helping so many, has spent decades in prison.

Respectfully yours,

Shirley Marsh

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